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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 17 November 1954, 2 jeeps and sedan with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiessstatt Ring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two long-wire antennas extended between the gables of the two lateral wings of the building. Two leads of the long-wire antenna and one lead of the other long-wire antenna led to a window of the central section of the building together with the two leads of the "J" antenna which the roof of this section mounted. Three 37-mm AA guns and 3 jacked-up trucks were observed through the open southern doors of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht building. An aiming device with moving air targets was observed at this site for the first time. Thirty-four motor vehicles were observed in the garages of the Rainer Kaserne. Twelve trucks, 2 tank trucks and 3 jeeps were parked in the yard of this installation. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets included trucks and jeep all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and van-like weapon carrier with driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Fifteen trucks and 2 jeeps were observed in the area of Camp Spratzern which was guarded by two sentries who wore black-bordered red epaulets. No weapons were stored in the open at the installation. Motor vehicles observed at the site included tank truck and trucks The drivers of all these motor vehicles were red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. On 18 November 1954, 72 soldiers who wore black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, carried field packs and 12 light machine guns and were led by 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 44/V 88). Six squads, each of which numbered 8 soldiers, were observed practicing facing and drilling with rifles in the yard of the installation. The barrels of 7 guns and 16 motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs. An SU-76 SP gun was observed in front of these structures. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets and jeeps truck sedan all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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1. Comment. The division headquarters and component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are stationed at St. Poelten. Before the troops left for the summer camp

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last spring, the garages west of the former Kreisgericht building housed model SIS-3 x 76.2-mm guns, which presumably belonged to the AT battalion of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted]. In October, 37-mm AA guns have been observed at the site for the first time. [redacted] 25X1
 The unit to which these 37-mm AA guns belong is still undetermined. The "J" antenna on the roof of the former Kreisgericht building was built as early as last summer. [redacted] 25X1
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2. [redacted] Comment. The headquarters and elements of the 287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt are stationed at the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr. 25X1

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